

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 15-18 without prejudice to later introduction or inference of patentability.

Please amend claims 1, 13, 19 and 20 as follows:

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A2 1. (Amended) A composition useful in treating mammalian tissue, said composition being comprised of a peptide corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 48 (Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine).

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A3 13. (Amended) A peptide corresponding to a peptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID 42 (Alanine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Amide), SEQ ID 43 (Acetyl-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine), SEQ ID 44 (Acetyl-Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Amide), SEQ ID 45 (Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine), SEQ ID 46 (Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine), SEQ ID 47 (Alanine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Amide), SEQ ID 48 (Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine), SEQ ID 49 (Cysteine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine), SEQ ID 50 (Cysteine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine), SEQ ID 51 (Cysteine-Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine), SEQ ID 52 (Cysteine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine), SEQ ID 53 (Cysteine-Alanine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine), SEQ ID 54 (Cysteine-Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine).

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19. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprised of a peptide corresponding to SEQ ID 48 (Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine).

A4 20. (Amended) A cosmetic preparation comprised of a peptide corresponding to SEQ ID 48 (Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine).

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Please add new claims 21 – 23 as follows:

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21. (New) The peptide as set forth in claim 13, where the peptide corresponds to SEQ ID NO: 45 (Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine).

AS 22. (New) The peptide as set forth in claim 13, where the peptide corresponds to SEQ ID NO: 50 (Cysteine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine).

23. (New) The peptide as set forth in claim 13, where the peptide corresponds to SEQ ID NO: 53 (Cysteine-Alanine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine).

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